

**MINUTES**  
*workforce***CONNECTIONS**  
**Youth Council**  
**Texas Station Hotel & Casino**  
**Amaryllis Room**  
**June 8, 2011**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**Members Present**

Ken LoBene, Chair	Sonja Holloway	Eloiza Martinez
Dan Rose	Sgt. Mark Sharp	Lori Goodwine
Chris Sullivan	Chanda Cook	

**Staff Present**

John Ball	MaryAnn Avendano	Suzanne Potter	Heather DeSart
Sylvia Spencer	Rick Villalobos	Lucy Ivins	Gina Campbell
Byron Goynes	Lori Thomas	Lauren Stewart	Nancy White
Cornelius Eason	Kim Colagioia	Kelly Woods	Clentine January
Nick Brown, Intern	Joe Marra, Intern	Tameca Ulmer	Valerie Sims

**Others Present**

Lloyd Platson, Nye Communities Coalition	Arcadio Bolanos, Academy of Human Development
Doug Geinzer, SNMIC	Tamra Rose, Clark County School District
Brittany Aase, HELP of Southern Nevada	Denise Gee, HELP of Southern Nevada
Lisa Popovsky, SNMIC	Nicole Jacobs, Olive Crest
Nicole Mansker, Nevada Partners, Inc.	Jennifer Bevacqua, Olive Crest
Rene Cantu, Jr., Latin Chamber	Derrick Berry, DETR
William Corley, DETR	Odalys Carmona, DETR
Venus Fajota, DETR	Asha Jones, Nevada Public Education Foundation
Donna Romo, DETR	Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc.
LaTanya Runnells, Nevada Partners, Inc.	Arneller Mullins, Nevada Partners, Inc.
Leon Jackson, NIA Project	Bishop James M. Rogers, Sr., GNJ Family Life Center
Monique Harris, Southern Nevada Children First	Matt Hirsh, United Way
David Mayer, Intermedia Institute	Scott Fisher, SBTA/Sky Engineering

(It should be noted that all attendees may not be listed above).

Agenda Item 1 - CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Ken LoBene at 11:02 a.m. Staff confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed and posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Roll call was taken and a quorum present.

Agenda Item 2 - ACTION: APPROVE the agenda with inclusion of any emergency items and deletion of any items  
*A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by Eloiza Martinez and seconded by Sgt. Mark Sharp. Motion carried.*

Agenda Item 3 - ACTION: APPROVE the meeting minutes from the Youth Council meeting on May 11, 2011  
*A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from the Youth Council meeting on May 11, 2011 as presented by Dan Rose and seconded by Sonja Holloway. Motion carried.*

Agenda Item 4 - ACTION: ACCEPT and APPROVE the staff recommendation to negotiate and execute a WIA Youth Contract with Nye Communities Coalition in an amount not to exceed \$48,514.00 to implement a summer component from July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011 to provide employment and education services for youth.

Following a brief background provided by Clentine January,

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Agenda Item 5 – ACTION: ACCEPT and APPROVE the staff recommendation to amend the current interlocal agreement with the Clark County Summer Business Institute by adding an amount not to exceed \$40,030 in Governor’s Reserve funds to support summer employment and education opportunities for youth.

Tameca Ulmer stated that Summer Business Institute (SBI) was not able to expend all the money due to participants leaving the program early, underutilized supportive services, and other minor issues. SBI will use the additional funds to provide scholarships, summer school fees, transportation and other supportive services for the youth.

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Agenda Item 6 – ACTION: ACCEPT and APPROVE the staff recommendations for Youth WIA funded Year-Round contracts procured through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the contract period July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 to provide education, training, and employment services for youth for the following contracts and recommended amounts:

<b>HELP of Southern Nevada.....</b>	<b>\$713,000.00</b>
<b>Clark County School District.....</b>	<b>\$362,000.00</b>
<b>Southern Nevada Children First.....</b>	<b>\$125,000.00</b>
<b>Nevada Partners, Inc.....</b>	<b>\$500,000.00</b>
<b>Nye Communities Coalition.....</b>	<b>\$300,000.00</b>

Ken LoBene read the recommendation. Ms. Ulmer provided an overview of the recommended contracts; brief program descriptions are provided in the agenda full packet. Ms. Ulmer emphasized that the above contracts are for a 15-month period to incorporate a summer program element. Ms. Ulmer stated that overall all the recommended proposals had logical program designs, acceptable levels of matched funding, strong partnerships, a strong emphasis on high school diploma or GED attainment, opportunities for youth to earn money through meaningful work experiences. Three of the contract recommendations are incumbent providers to include HELP of Southern Nevada (HELP), Nevada Partners, Inc. (NPI), and Nye Communities Coalition (NYE). The not to exceed contract amounts listed above are for new enrollments and not existing registered clients. Funds for the existing population will go through a separate negotiation process. Staff has been working with the incumbent providers to determine the number of carry-over clients. It is estimated that HELP will carry-over approximately 84 youth, NPI 81 youth, and NYE 16 youth. Following the motion to approve, award letters will be sent to the above providers and those who were not awarded will receive notification and feedback regarding their proposals.

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Agenda Item 7 – ACTION: ACCEPT and APPROVE the staff recommendations for Youth WIA funded Tri-County Coalition contracts procured through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the contract period July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 pending the negotiation of program designs and budgets for education, training, and employment services for youth for the following contracts and recommended amounts:

<b>Nye Communities Coalition.....</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>
<b>University of Nevada Reno/Lincoln County School District.....</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>

Ken LoBene read the recommendation and Tameca Ulmer provided background. Ms. Ulmer stated that these funds will serve youth in the rural areas to include unincorporated Clark County, Lincoln County, Esmeralda County, and Nye County. The purpose of the Tri-County Coalition is to allow the providers to drive the process and bring together different partners, programs, and services that reach out and serve the maximum number of youth in the rural counties. Both of the above recommended contracts have innovative programs and entrepreneurial components and strong partnerships. Staff will assist both programs with building a stronger program design model. NYE is an incumbent provider and has an established partnership with UNR for services in Esmeralda County and Lincoln County will be integrally involved in the partnership. Dan Rose commented that the cost per participant was high (\$7,000 per participant), wherein Ms. Ulmer stated the cost per participant amount includes wages for work experiences, internships, and transportation costs. Following a brief discussion,

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Agenda Item 8 – ACTION: ACCEPT and APPROVE the staff recommendation to find the proposals submitted for the Youth Green Economy and Youth Healthcare Sectors “unresponsive” and direct workforceCONNECTIONS staff to develop consortia to deliver services in a joint, coordinated manner for each of these two sectors and to return to the Youth Council with final funding recommendations.

Ken LoBene read the recommendation and John Ball provided a brief background. Upon review of the proposals submitted, the evaluation committee found that none of the proposals met the requirements for funding and were deemed non-responsive. This opens the opportunity to implement the consortia approach allowing various partners to sit down and contribute their various strengths to deliver services in the Green Economy and Youth Healthcare sector. Heather DeSart stated that John Chamberlain, Department of Labor, will be assisting staff and offering suggestions on how to successfully formulate the process. At the request of Ken LoBene, Mr. Ball briefly discussed the next steps for establishing a process to develop consortia, wherein Mr. Ball suggested that an RFI (Request for Interest) will be released giving respondents an opportunity to indicate their interest and to submit a one to two page summary of assets and partnerships they plan to contribute and bring to the table to help design an

optimum program. Staff will invoke a facilitated professional budgeting process that will be brought back to the Youth Council for analysis, amendment, and approval. The process will take some time as both the Healthcare and Green Economy sectors are new concepts for the WIA Youth program; however, there is flexibility with the timeframe in which the funds are to be expended.

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#### Agenda Item 9 – INFORMATION: Project 5000 Kids Update

Nancy White, P5K Program Manager provided the following update:

- P5K has now placed 62 students in summer work experiences; four interns at the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce and one at Valley Hospital.
- P5K was interviewed and mentioned numerous times in two articles in the Sunday, May 22, edition of the Las Vegas Review Journal. The articles discussed the difficulty youth will have in finding summer jobs.
- P5K staff were the guest speakers at the North Las Vegas Rotary Club on May 27<sup>th</sup> wherein they presented an overview of Project 5000 Kids and a preview of the Graduation League
- Members of the P5K Team will help staff the booth at the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Business Expo on June 22 at the World Market Center, the life-size P5K mascot will be in the building.
- P5K staff had a great meeting with the CCSD Partnership Office regarding the P5K Nevada Graduation League. In attendance were Bridget Phillips and Kurt Arnold, Program Manager for their mentoring program. They currently have the “Stay in School” mentoring project for middle school and have wanted to expand to the high school level. After seeing the presentation of the Graduation League, they agreed to roll the program out to six pilot schools beginning in September.
- P5K staff met with Internships.com to discuss a possible partnership alliance with their program. This would provide many resources to our youth, including an “intern certification” program, which could prove to be a valuable resource.
- P5K staff was asked to present the P5K program to the GAP program students at Mack Middle School on May 31<sup>st</sup>. These are students who are at risk of dropping out of school. The counselors were very pleased with the program and will be asking for our help in the future.
- P5K staff had a very productive meeting with Zappos on May 31<sup>st</sup>. They are excited about the program and P5K staff will be meeting again on June 14<sup>th</sup> to tour their facility and discuss the details of P5K providing the youth for their intern program.
- P5K staff has two new summer intern opportunities with Midas; students will be placed from the automotive programs at the career and tech academies.
- P5K staff is continuing to meet with businesses in the community to secure summer work experiences for our students. As of June 1<sup>st</sup> 495 students have applied for summer internships.

#### Agenda Item 10 – WIA Year Round Services Update

Clentine January provided a monitoring update. Ms. January stated that all of the Fiscal monitoring is completed; however, the written monitoring report is pending program exits. Overall the providers have done well and have no Fiscal findings.

#### Agenda Item 11 – INFORMATION: Upcoming Events

Sgt. Mark Sharp announced a few upcoming summer programs including Metro’s Rad Program, a free week long program which teaches youth how to keep them from getting abducted; four programs at Boys & Girls Clubs focusing on anti-violence, at the at Lied, Doolittle Community Center, Pearson Center, and Andre Agassi Center Boys & Girls Clubs; the programs will begin in two weeks and last until August 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### Agenda Item 12 – INFORMATION: Funding/Development Update

The P5K Funding/Development Report is provided on page 45 of the agenda packet.

#### Agenda Item 13 – INFORMATION: Service Provider Update

Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partner, Inc. thanked the Youth Council for their support and announced that NPI will be hosting a proficiency boot camp on June 23-24 where youth can take the proficiency exams the following month. Also, on June 24, NPI will be taken a small delegate of your on a college tour to University of Nevada Reno.

Brittany Aase and Denise Gee, HELP of Southern Nevada provided the following update: HELP has been doing outreach with Judge Kerns Youth Court. The partnership is helping youth be accountable, while achieving their education and employment goals. HELP has several clients that have recently enrolled at CSN and several who will be graduating this month as well as a number of youth who have entered into employment at various businesses including Target, Domino’s, and the Sales Department at AGS. Many of the homeless youth have engaged in a number of the services and facilities offered by HELP in Clark County, Sandy Valley, and Searchlight, NV. Last, HELP is sponsoring a golf round-up on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Piute Golf Course.

Renee Cantu, Latin Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation, awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to over 100 Clark County high school seniors preparing to enter into college. The basis of the awards is need and demonstration that they have overcome barriers to education. In June, the Latino Youth Leadership Conference will have their 17<sup>th</sup> annual iteration, a culturally based leadership program that has developed into other programs such as the Multi-Cultural Leadership Program, to help youth become leaders and lead more productive lives.

Agenda Item 14 – INFORMATION: Updates from Youth Council Members

None

Agenda Item 15 – INFORMATION: Executive Director’s Report

John Ball stated that there is a need for a discussion to update the Youth Council planning using the Ready for Life infrastructure. Based on Chair LoBene’s approval, staff would like to meet with members of the Youth Council over the next two or three weeks and come to the July 13<sup>th</sup> Youth Council meeting with a format and to begin the process. We have the performance base and funding resources to put together a contemporary plan to create new opportunities in the youth services system in the community.

Agenda Item 16 – INFORMATION: Public Comment

Loyd Platson, Nye Communities Coalition provided an overview and distributed a snapshot of Nye’s Youth Workforce Development Programs.

Catherine Dunken, Community Director, Las Vegas Green Chamber of Commerce discussed two companies that are searching to fill positions in green technology: Intermedia Institute, an organization that will train and place participants into employment and Sky Engineering, an organization that specializes in training youth and adults in solar energy technology. Ken LoBene requested Nancy White to contact these organizations directly.

Monique Harris, Southern Nevada Children First (SNCF), thanked the Youth Council for their recommendation to allow SNCF to provide teen pregnancy and parenting services to youth in Southern Nevada.

Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc. (NPI) thanked the Board staff and Youth Council for recommending NPI and allowing them to continue to do good work in the community.

Agenda Item 17 – ACTION: Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:18PM